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John Young stands in front of the CMHR's first outdoor exhibit at the Festival du Voyageur. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Women's pics hold the fort

WHITTIER PARK

Human rights museum holds outdoor exhibit marking suffrage

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Several portraits adorning the wooden east wall of Fort Gibraltar in Whittier Park pay homage to the women who led the battle for female suffrage in Manitoba.

As part of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights' (CMHR) first outdoor exhibit, the 12 framed photographs celebrate the 100th anniversary of those women fighting for and winning the right to vote in 1916.

Manitoba was the first Canadian province that granted women voting powers.

John Young, CMHR president and CEO, says the exhibit, Let Them Howl: 100 Years in the Women's Rights Struggle, celebrates "a great milestone."

"We recognize that first step was not a complete step," Young said. "There have been other steps and challenges and developments in extending and expanding human rights."

He said women earning the right to vote was one step, and a later one came as "Aboriginal Peoples in Canada did not receive the right to vote until 1960."

"So we understand that human rights is a journey," Young said.

A glimpse of that journey can be caught at Fort Gibraltar while the Festival Du Voyageur runs until Feb. 21.

The cost to see the exhibit is included with the entry to Voyageur Park.

On Friday at 6:30 p.m., a candle- and torch-lit walk will take people from the CMHR to Voyageur Park for opening celebrations and to see the portrait exhibit.

The exhibit is also part of a partnership with Library and Archives Canada, and a similar outdoor exhibit is part of Ottawa's own winter festival, Winterlude.

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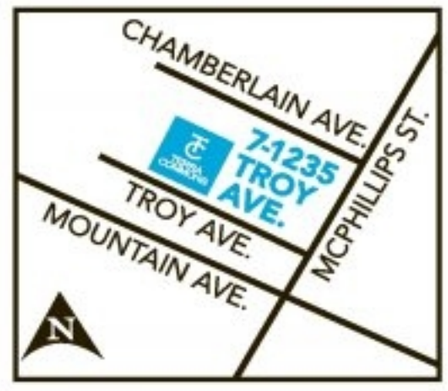

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Curbside organics gets messy

ENVIRONMENT

Coun. Matt Allard says he won't support program as is

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

A debate over a proposed curbside organics program is heating up in Winnipeg City Hall.

Months away from any decision-making deadline, and prior to the beginning of public consultation, some councillors have already begun to dig in their heels over the potential hit to constituents' bank accounts, and the city's role in the fight against climate change.

While on the phone from a sustainability conference in Ottawa, Coun. Jenny Gerbasi lamented how the issue came "out of the gate" negatively, with such an emphasis on fees rather than environmental impacts.

"We are collectively, as a city, needing to take responsibility for our role in the environment," she said Thursday.

"That's a little bit new for Winnipeggers to get their mind around, and I think city council should be showing some leadership on that."

Gerbasi said elected officials cannot ignore the city's role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the Brady Road Landfill, and stressed that time is of the essence for change.

Winnipeg's current curbside contracts with Emterra Environmental expire in 2017, which Gerbasi says gives officials a tight window to decide on how to include organic waste in the collection program in time for a new contract cycle.

"Consultation and public engagement is extremely important, but that doesn't mean we just take an opinion poll, and then as soon as we feel a little squeezed or a little worried about a few votes here or there that we just back off and say, 'Well, we're just not going to worry about the environment,'" she said.

"It's time for councillors to step up as opposed to stepping back. There's a huge momentum on climate change in this country."

Coun. Matt Allard, however, cautioned that without public buy-in, a curbside organics program would undoubtedly fail.

He release a public statement Thursday, saying he would not support the program as is, urging city staff to broaden the available options beyond a flat fee structure, to one that incentivizes those who already compost privately.

"We're not really asking Winnipeggers how would you like to do composting, we're saying, 'Do you like option A, B, or C,'" Allard said.

"I would support an option that favours recycling and composting, not an option that charges a flat fee for somebody who's already been doing composting for the past 20 years."

Proposed annual fees for the city's curbside organics pickup program:

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Ready for his closeup

ONLINE FAME

Falcon swoops in on nature group camera

Braeden Jones
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A bird people seldom catch a glimpse of catapulted to stardom after photo bombing a remote camera in Churchill.

The white plumed gyrfalcon has poked his head in front of a camera set up by nature media group explore.org, video evidence of which has since gone viral.

Spokesman Mike Gasbara said the camera was meant to "document Aurora Borealis, a natural light display caused by the collision of energetic charged particles with atoms in high altitude atmospheres."

"Recently a rare white gyrfalcon has become a regular visitor," Gasbara said.

The camera has achieved that goal, of course, but now also catapulted the photogenic gyrfalcon into fifteen minutes of fame.

The rare gyrfalcon is now Internet-famous after swooping in on the Northern Lights. EXPLORE.ORG

"Now people can see him during the day, and the beautiful northern lights at night," Gasbara joked.

The video shared online shows the bird yawning, posing and looking straight into the camera.

Gasbara said the curious bird has stopped by to peer into the lens "about a dozen times."

"The bird is rarely spotted by people, but known to inhabit the area during the winter time," he explained.

"The reason for sitting on the tower (where the camera is mounted), is most likely due to the fact that the trees are scarce and small in Manitoba … the tower serves as a great watch post for the falcon."

The tower (with the camera) serves as a great watch post for the falcon.
Mike Gasbara of nature media group explore.org

Explore, the philanthropic multimedia division of the Annenberg Foundation, posted the video to its Facebook page, and it has since been viewed more than 279,000 times and shared more than 8,024 times.

MARKETING

Sorry, wrong number

A campaign that touts the Manitoba government's environmental-job creation record has a big math problem.

An advertisement that ran on television and in digital media, for months, says Manitoba, is succeeding in the green economy and more than 92,000 Manitobans are working in so-called green jobs. The number was based on a report from a Calgary-based research group called Eco Canada, which also said Manitoba's percentage of green jobs was higher than the national average.

The number was corrected this week following inquiries from The Canadian Press, and is now pegged at 62,000 — below the national average.

Eco Canada says the mistake was due to a human error on its part and the Manitoba government acted in good faith.

The ad campaign was launched last fall in the lead-up to the April 19 provincial election.

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The bear facts of romance in Manitoba

No date ideas for you and your sweetheart this Valentine's Day?

Well, forget Netflix and chill because, according to Google Maps, Manitoba-based lovers are encouraged to take a romantic romp on the Canadian tundra in none other than Churchill, which was recently named on a list of "the most romantic locations in the country."

"Known as the 'Polar Bear Capital of the World', Churchill, Manitoba offers wildlife tours where visitors can safely catch a rare glimpse of the endangered animal in its vast and beautiful natural habitat," the multinational tech company said in a news release issued Thursday.

It goes onto name other romantic hot spots, which includes Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia and the town of Love, Saskatchewan.

Other hot spots and activities include: Niagara Falls; Old Quebec City; Cape Breton Highlands; Seventh Heaven, Whistler; St. John's, NL; Banff Springs National Park; dog-sledding in Iqaluit. METRO

Snuggling up in a Tundra Buggy and **watching the polar bears** is a warm and fuzzy idea to Google. ELISHA DACEY/METRO FILE

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VIRTUAL REALITY

Manitoba researchers spearheading project

A team of Manitoba researchers hopes that using virtual reality can making a real difference in diagnosing Alzheimer's disease.

Right now, doctors can only truly diagnose the illness after it begins to ravage the brain.

But a team of researchers from the University of Manitoba is working on an early-warning system.

They're creating a virtual reality headset that brings people into a world with one building and one task.

The researchers have figured out people with Alzheimer's can't complete the task because they're losing spatial orientation.

In addition, the researchers are working on a new component — a bio-sensor that tests for a protein abundant in Alzheimer's patients.

"If we can show that behaviour is changing, along with the neuropathology, then we can be quite positive that someone has Alzheimer's disease," says researcher Jesslyn Janssen.

"If we can bring these two methods together, that we've both invented, then it's going to lead to a strong diagnostic method."

Early diagnosis could mean better treatments and improved outcomes for patients.

More than 20,000 Manitobans currently live with Alzheimer's. Those numbers are expected to nearly double in the coming decades.
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IN BRIEF

Bus driver attacks teenage passenger: Police
A Winnipeg Transit driver has been charged with assault after starting a fight with a teenage passenger, according to authorities.

Police said Thursday officers were called to an area around Sargent Avenue and Valour Road after a driver reported being assaulted on Wednesday around 11 a.m. The 51-year-old female driver told police she and a female passenger, 17, had been arguing when the passenger hit her. But police say the teen told officers the driver had started the fight, and she only hit back in self-defence.

Police said investigators eventually learned the transit driver was in fact the one who started the fight after the pair argued. The driver, who has since been released from custody on a promise to appear, now faces charges of public mischief and assault. METRO

ELIZABETH LAFANTAISIE

DNA evidence presented at trial of Thomas Brine

An RCMP expert has testified the DNA found on a vaginal swab taken during the autopsy on a 73-year-old woman matches that of the 29-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting, beating and strangling her.

Thomas Brine, 29, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the death of Elizabeth Lafantaisie, who police say was the victim of a random attack in a Winnipeg parking garage in 2011.

Her body was discovered in the trunk of her car, wrapped in a body bag.

Homicide Sgt. Wesley Rommel told court Wednesday that the accused admitted to routinely breaking into vehicles, often while high on crack cocaine, around the area where Lafantaisie was killed, and at about the same time.

Rommel said when he was arrested, Brine expressed surprise and indicated he knew nothing about the woman's murder.
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73-year-old **Elizabeth Lafantaisie** was allegedly murdered in 2011. CONTRIBUTED

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Rae Spoon's latest album, Armour, comes out Feb. 19. FOX FOTO

Genderfest brings Spoon to the table

ARTS AND CULTURE

Musician uses the gender-neutral pronoun 'they'

Rae Spoon is bringing their latest album to Genderfest Winnipeg.

"I know some of the organizers and I was always hoping to be around for it," said Spoon.

This year, the transgender singer-songwriter has been watching Genderfest — the annual festival that celebrates queer identify, history and culture — on Facebook from their home in Calgary.

"It looks really awesome," said Spoon.

Spoon said they are excited to get their first taste of Genderfest when they play the closing show at The Good Will Social Club on Feb. 20.

When Spoon was planning their tour for their latest album, Armour, they called Genderfest organizer Jonny Mexico to make sure their show wouldn't overlap with other events.

Not only did it not, it also came at the perfect time to end the festival.

"It's gonna be bananas," Mexico said about the show.

LAL and Joanne Pollock will also be performing.

Mexico said they are happy to be closing this year's festival with these musicians.

"It speaks to the importance of having a platform that showcases voices that aren't heard in mainstream media," said Mexico.

Armour comes on the heals of Spoon's eighth album, My Prairie Home.

The Polaris Music Prize nominated album explored their experiences growing up queer in the Albertan prairies.

For Armour, Spoon said they experimented more with analog synths and electronic music programming.

"I think the production shows a level of sophistication I have been working towards for years," Spoon said.

After years of performances, they're also figuring out what works best on stage.

Spoon said they used to play electronic music live, but it made it difficult to also play guitar.

Now, Spoon has their electronic music playing in the background, then sings and plays guitar over top.

They said this performance will be no different, except that they say they'll be playing mostly new songs.

MEG CRANE/FOR METRO

BACKGROUND

-Genderfest Winnipeg is an annual DIY festival.
-It features a variety of events, including dance parties, movie screenings and open mics.
-The festival showcases queer and gender-variant identities in Winnipeg.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

School approves new policy

The University of Manitoba Senate has approved a policy that they hope will ensure a more diverse student population in the faculty of education.

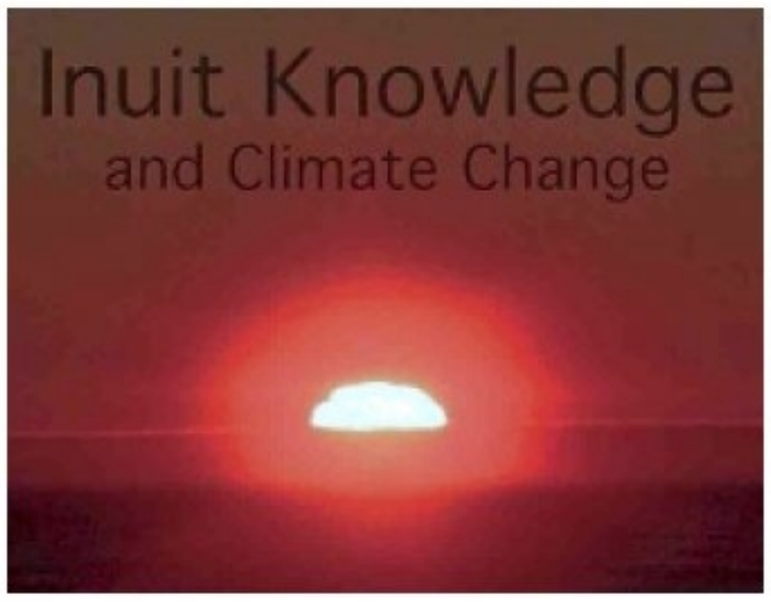
"Under the new policy, 45 per cent of applicants to the program can be admitted based on applicants identifying themselves as being from several "diversity" categories," reads a statement from the senate.

"The remaining 55 per cent will be admitted to the general category. All applicants must still meet the mandatory entrance requirements to be considered."

The senate says the goal of the policy is to ensure graduates of the education program "create a more diverse teaching force in the province, representing the cultural, ethnic, regional and social diversity of Manitoba."

The policy will come into effect for the Sept. 2017 school term. The diversity categories include Indigenous, racialized, LGBTQ, persons with disabilities and disadvantaged persons

Any unallocated spaces from the diversity categories will be re-allocated to the general admission category. METRO



Qapirangajuq: Inuit Knowledge and Climate Change is heading to the Berlin International Film Festival. SCREENSHOT

Striking it big in Berlin

CINEMA

Climate change film continues to be a prolific slow burner

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A locally produced film is bound for one of the biggest film festivals in the world, reaching new heights of success six years after being finished.

Ian Mauro of Winnipeg co-produced Qapirangajuq: Inuit Knowledge and Climate Change with Zacharis Kunuk — the director of Atanarjuat The Fast Runner — in 2010.

It originally enjoyed a good run of screenings, running at the Smithsonian Institution and being featured by National Geographic, and screening several times in Winnipeg, but "six years later (the film) is getting its biggest release yet," Mauro said.

Qapirangaju is set to screen next week, by invitation, at the 66th Berlin International Film Festival, Berlinale.

"As a film maker I'm humbled … that a film we made is continuing to inspire audiences and be part of a conversation," Mauro said. "I think that it shows the film is viewed as being an important part of creating awareness."

The film is the world's first Inuktitut language climate change film.

It explores the social and ecological impacts of climate change from the perspective of elders and hunters in Canada's north.

"In the climate change narrative it's usually the scientists we hear from, and this film really privileges that human experience," Mauro said. "Climate change is such a huge issue, the impact on indigenous peoples is increasingly recognized and in the European context this film is still hitting all of the right notes."

This year's Berlinale film festival is themed as "A Journey into Indigenous Cinema," and Qapirangajuq will be one of the IMAX screen features.

"To get an IMAX screen in the middle of the Berlinale is quite humbling," Mauro said.

> **This film is still hitting all of the right notes.**
> Ian Mauro, co-producer

CRIME

Firefighter charged over theft of patient's jewelry

A Winnipeg firefighter is facing charges of stealing money and jewelry from a 76-year-old patient while on the job.

Darren Fedyck, 46, appeared in court this week on a charge of theft under $5,000. The matter was put over to Feb. 24. The Crown alleges the crime took place on Oct. 2, 2015.

Fedyck has been suspended without pay from his job.

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CRIME

New database still on agenda for police

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg's police service is mulling the idea of a data overhaul.

After issuing a request for information last fall on which data warehouse systems are on the market, the force planned to determine their next steps by the end of January, according to the initial tender.

But as of Thursday, police spokesperson Cst. Eric Holfey said the service is still exploring their options and "how it may be of benefit to us."

Simply put, a data warehouse is a database designed to analyze information, which contains various records from a number of sources.

"One of the long term goals of the Winnipeg Police Service is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the organization and to become more proactive in identifying trends and patterns in day-day operations," the request document reads.

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The point of the database, it says, would be to improve the service's decision-making and research skills, as well as its ability to report on crime analytics.

A separate document shows the police have between 2.5 million and 10 million historical records that need to be compiled onto a new database, which they hope to be implemented by the end of the year.

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1 Snow sculptors busy at work Thursday afternoon to finish the massive sculptures scattered about Voyageur Park.

2 Saint Boniface-Saint Vital MP Dan Vandal said he looks forward to his first Festival as a federal representative.

3 Marcel Sorin shares his excitement for the last Festival du Voyageur for which he, his wife and his children will act as official spokes-family.

4 Mayor Brian Bowman hams it up for the cameras at the launch event.

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Don't just watch: 'Be Voyageur'

FESTIVAL

Mayor says fest is about unity in this year of reconciliation

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Dan Vandal remembers the first Festival du Voyageur.

He was eight, the event took place at Provencher Park and featured "Ferris wheels … at that time there was even a little bit of gambling (and) a lot of music.

"And 47 years later, this is the largest winter festival in Canada," said the Saint Boniface-Saint Vital MP on Thursday at the launch of the annual event.

Tens of thousands of visitors will be welcomed to the event, which starts Friday and runs until Feb. 21.

Premier Greg Selinger, Mayor Brian Bowman and others joined Vandal in expressing support for the "very, very important occasion."

Bowman said it "celebrates our Francophone and Métis culture."

"During this year of reconciliation … it's about pride (and) honouring our past and honouring our future that will be shared together," he said.

The celebration includes familiar features, like snow and ice sculptures and instructional sessions on how to make traditional arts and crafts.

It also includes new events, including a Valentine's Day singles night that event director Julienne Desaulnier called "Singles night at Safeway … but Voyageur style."

"This year's theme is Be Voyageur," Bowman said. "So whether you're a seasoned voyageur and you've been to the Festival du Voyageur year after year, or you're a new Winnipegger — a new Canadian — come out to the festival … experience what it's all about.

"It is really a celebration about who we are as a community."

Passes are available through online pre-sales, the ticket line at 204-233-2556 and at Safeway stores across Winnipeg.

Day passes are $18 for adults at the gates to Voyageur Park, $11 for youth and $9 for kids.

The 10-day pass will cost adults $32. Youth between the ages of 13 and 17 will need to pay just $16, and younger kids' tickets are $11 each. Children younger than five get in free.

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Stay positive for people with HIV

GENDERFEST

Cardmaking events help break down, remove stigma

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

This February, people around the world reached out to women living with HIV, including here in Winnipeg, as part of the Love Positive Women (LPW) campaign.

Jonny Mexico, organizer of Genderfest Winnipeg, said there were three public cardmaking events in Winnipeg, all of which were part of the annual festival.

Cards were sent from Rainbow Resource Centre's Peer Project for Youth, ArtsJunktion and Winnipeg Working Group to HIV-positive women in Winnipeg and around the world.

"One of the things that was really interesting was sitting around with a group of people who may not have a lot of insight into HIV, but who are really interested in supporting women with HIV," Mexico said. "We can each break down and remove stigma and fear by working on being kind."

Valentines are part of the Love Positive Women campaign. ISTOCK

They said there's a lot of myths about HIV, and the campaign helps correct that.

Mexico also sat in on a private event where HIV-positive women were given cards, then made cards they could send to others.

She said watching these women receive cards was amazing.

"Individual gestures of love and solidarity can translate into instant happiness," Mexico said.

Now in its fourth year, LPW was started by the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW).

Last year, more than 84 LPW events were held globally, said ICW community relations and mobilization manager Jessica Whitbread.

The final count for 2016 is not yet in.

"This year there are a number of really amazing actions happening," said Whitbread.

This includes a group in Malaysia who surprised HIV-positive women in jail by bringing their children for a visit.

"Doing HIV work can be very gloomy, even more so when you live with it. LPW is all about positivity and caring," said Whitbread.

ABOUT ICW

International Community of Women Living with HIV was established in 1992.

It's the only global network created by and for HIV-positive women. Learn more at iamicw.org.

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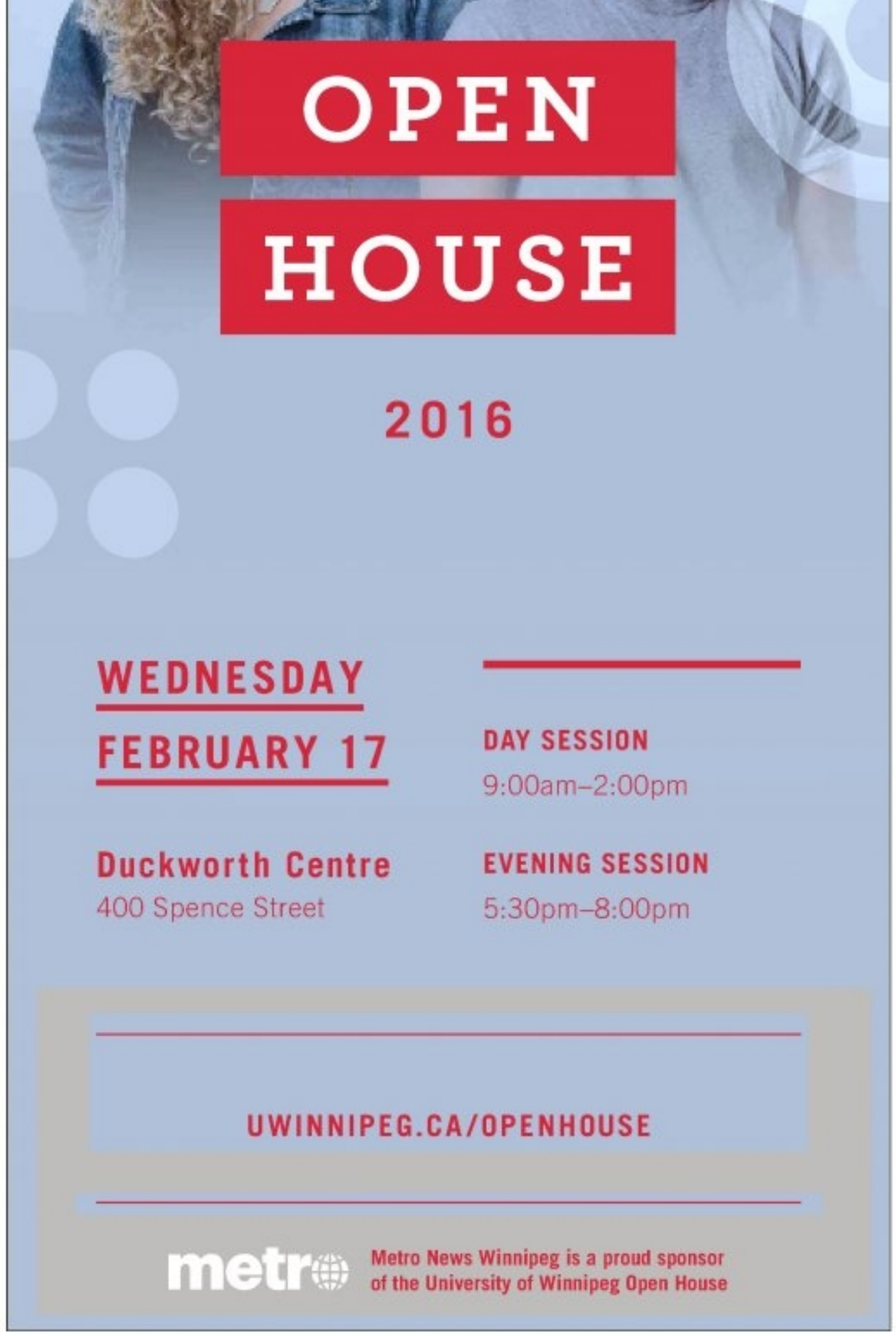

Stepping up to help homeless

CHARITY

Walkathon raises funds for groups that aid youth

Meg Crane
For Metro | Winnipeg

The Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is approaching, and Resource Assistance for Youth (RAY) staff want to get people out in the cold.

Monica Derksen, event manager for RAY's event, said it's a national campaign to support local organizations that help people who are homeless, hungry and hurting.

Participants are signing up to walk on Feb. 20 for two, five or 10 kilometres. Pledges are made to raise money for local groups that meet the criteria.

"Because it was such a good fit as far as goals and who they were serving, (RAY) thought it would be a good way to bring national attention to a local organization," said Derksen.

Last year's event drew 200 people out to the cold to help warm others up. RAY/HANDOUT

Last year's event also brought more local awareness to RAY, Derksen said, adding more than 200 people took part in the walk, including Alt Hotel Winnipeg manager Laurie Barkman.

"Last year was the first time RAY did this event. It was incredibly successful. I want to help make sure it is again," said Barkman.

The hotel is sponsoring CNOY this year and will be the first warm up station for participants.

"We've actually got a group of people here from Alt who are going to be walking," Barkman said.

"It's really just an opportunity to give back. It's great to be a part of a group of people with that same commitment."

Derksen said this type of fundraiser helps build community.

"People feel like they're part of something bigger. The movement, it's really symbolic of what everyone is doing together," said Derksen.

"The intention is not to simulate homeless, because we would never assume that we could take that on."

Derksen said the goal of raising $50,000 was exceeded last year, so this year it's been raised to $90,000.

"It's very flexible funding that they can't necessary get from other grants and donations," said Derksen.

Funding from other sources is often tied to a specific project while this money can be used for staff, repairs or any other needs that come up at the shelter.

HOW TO HELP

Still time to participate

- So far, more than $14,000 has been raised for RAY this year.
- Individuals and teams can register right up until the walk starts.
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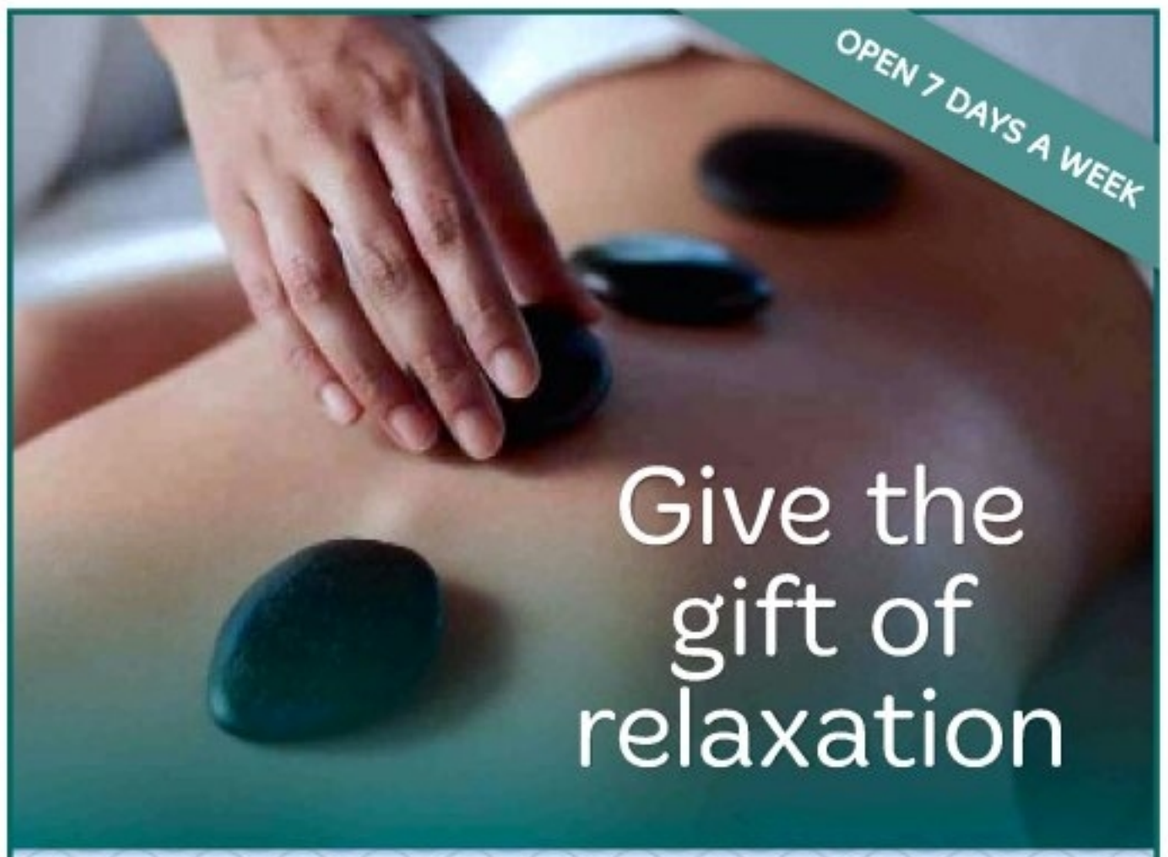

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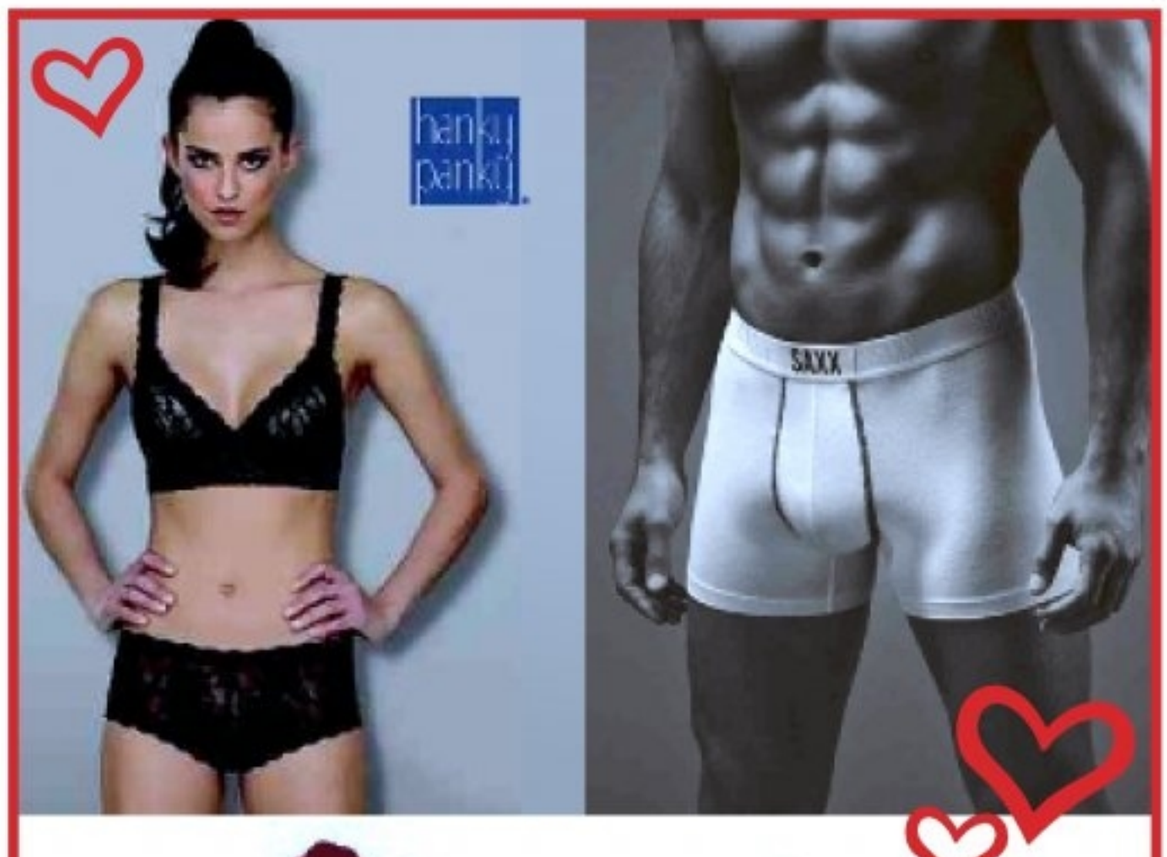

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THEATRE SEEDS OF CHANGE Corner Gas' Eric Peterson, right, with fellow actor Amelia Sargisson, perform in Prairie Theatre Exchange's production of Seeds. The play, based on the true story of a Saskatchewan farmer's battle against corporate behemoth Monsanto over whether it's possible to patent a gene, runs until Feb. 28. HAANITA SEVAL/PTE

Life-saving care needed for puppy

ANIMALS

Abandoned twice, hit by a car, Yolka's vet bills near $8K

Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

Yolka is recovering but the family says she needs $8,000 worth of surgery and care. YOUCARING.ORG

A puppy that has twice been left for dead is in need of multiple surgeries after it was hit by a car on a freezing street.

Veronica Ki says her father found Yolka, about five months old, abandoned in a field near a Dumpster right before Christmas.

The family took the German shepherd cross home and to the vet, said Ki, and tried to find her a forever home.

"After days of searching for potential owners and posting lost dog ads, we didn't want to bring her to humane society knowing that we could do more than that for her," said Ki in a post about her dog.

"After a long doubtful two weeks, Yolka became really attached and we just couldn't leave her just like her previous owners did."

The family named her Yolka, which means Christmas Tree in Russian, due to the time of year and the fact her first spot to lay down was near the family's tree.

Ki said on Tuesday, Yolka got loose after chasing a bunny. After hours of searching in the bitter cold, the family spotted two cars pulled over on the highway. When they got to the spot, the cars were gone, leaving only a pool of blood behind and no dog.

Two strangers picked up Yolka and took her to the vet, said Ki. The vet told the family Yolka had indeed been hit by a car and left behind and needed about $8,000 worth of medical care.

"I thought to myself that I can't let go of an innocent young life due to a money problem," said Ki.

The family is now fundraising on YouCaring for Yolka's care.

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1 **Trudeau has told Ban Ki-moon** he hopes to win a seat for Canada on the UN Security Council. CHRIS ROUSSAKIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES
2 **Ban Ki-moon joins Trudeau at a press conference** at Parliament Hill in Ottawa. CHRIS ROUSSAKIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES
3 **The two leaders agreed to further co-operation.** ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM making peace with United Nations

DIPLOMACY

Ban Ki-moon lauds Trudeau for his efforts

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon praised Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for last year's climate-change charm offensive in Paris, but urged him to spend more of Canada's wealth on the world's poorest people.

The usually staid Ban appeared almost gleeful at times Thursday as he took Trudeau up on his offer to re-engage with the UN during a packed, day-long visit to Ottawa, including high-level meetings on Parliament Hill and a feel-good assembly at a boisterous local high school auditorium.

"I am here to declare that the United Nations enthusiastically welcomes this commitment," Ban declared. He praised not only Trudeau's climate-change advocacy, but his desire to return Canada to its peacekeeping roots — which, he said, Canada helped create under external affairs minister Lester Pearson in the 1950s.

Trudeau has stressed re-orienting Canada toward world organizations — the UN in particular — as part of a new multilateral foreign policy that often tries to invoke the so-called Pearson-era golden age of diplomacy.

Trudeau confirmed that Canada is looking to win a seat on the Security Council as part of a move to renew its relationship with the world body.

"We are going to evaluate the opportunities for Canada to mount a successful bid," he said.

Trudeau said he told Ban that Canada wants to be involved as a peacemaker.

During the tenure of successive Liberal and Conservative governments, Canada's commitment to UN peacekeeping has dropped sharply since the 1990s, when the country deployed thousands of blue-helmeted peacekeepers.

"I reiterated the commitment of our government to strengthen the UN's ability to maintain international peace and security," Trudeau said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALMONTE, ONT.

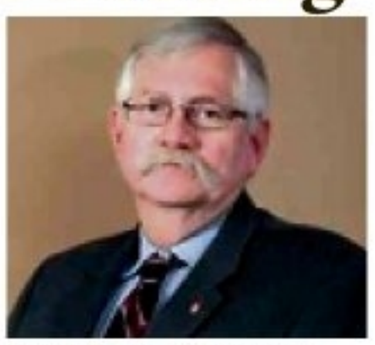
Councillor dies after shooting

A woman is in hospital after being shot in an incident that killed her father, a councillor in a small eastern Ontario town, and left another man injured.

Sarah Cameron was taken to hospital with what police described as life-threatening injuries Thursday morning after a shooting at her father's home in Almonte, Ont., 50 kilometres west of Ottawa.

"It is with profound sorrow and shock that I confirm that my colleague and friend, Coun. Bernard Cameron, died today in a violent incident," Shaun McLaughlin, mayor of Mississippi Mills, Ont., said Thursday.

OPP responded to a 911 call in the small community at 7:30 Thursday morning found a man's body and two people in life-threatening condition following a "serious incident." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Coun. Bernard Cameron. METROLAND MEDIA FILE

IN BRIEF

Ghomeshi verdict to come March 24, judge says

Justice William Horkins announced March 24 as the verdict date after hearing closing arguments in Jian Ghomeshi's sex-assault trial. The defence argued three accusers were unreliable witnesses. The Crown said their credibility had nothing to do with the way they behaved after the alleged incidents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MARRIAGE

'When all that fairy tale stuff falls apart'

One marriage expert has a decidedly anti-cupid message for long-term lovers this Valentine's season: rein in the wooing.

Amid the red roses, candlelit dinners and declarations of love, all couples — particularly those who aren't legally married — are being advised to make time to talk about what happens if things go south.

Elizabeth Abbott, author of A History of Marriage, says couples become so seduced by love itself, they forget there's more to a successful relationship and some of it is, well, unromantic.

"It's real life. It's living together, it's having a job, it's spending money," says Abbott, a historian and senior research associate at the University of Toronto.

"A little less romance, please."

In no situation is that more important than in common-law marriages — especially if the love affair ends or if one person dies.

John-Paul Boyd, executive director of the Calgary-based Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family, says many people in common-law relationships are unaware of their rights and entitlements or lack thereof.

"I think people should have the right to have the relationship that they want. The problem is that people are, as I learned from being a family law lawyer, woefully ignorant of their rights under the law," says Boyd, adding that married couples can be equally nescient.

"No one gives a thought to what will happen when all that fairy tale stuff falls apart," she says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A marriage expert advises common law couples to talk about what happens if things go south. ISTOCK

Sam Aiello got a call from Chewbacca. Then another one came. Then they wouldn't stop. Turns out Montreal Canadiens forward Paul Byron was behind the prank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Byron pulls a Wookiee

SPORTS

Hockey player uses Kijiji to prank his friend

Emma Jackson
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Not long ago, in a city two hours away, a Montreal Canadiens forward lost hard in his fantasy football pool.

"Nnnnrrraaaaaaaggggaaaaaaaahhh!" Paul Byron might have cried as he conceded defeat to his friend, Sam Aiello, back in Ottawa.

It was a frightening loss for someone so steeped in competitive sports, but like any rebel fighter — er, hockey player — Byron wasn't giving up.

He started typing.

Two days later, Aiello got a call from Chewbacca.

And another, and then another.

"Nrrrrrraaaaaaaaaahhhhh!"

Chewie wouldn't leave him alone.

The famous Wookiee was calling from across the galaxy; from alien planets like Haliburton, Hamilton and London.

"I kept getting these random calls. So I put my number into Google and I knew it was him right away," Aiello said.

"Him" being Ottawa-born Byron — known on the arena battlefields as Number 41 — who had crafted a clever Kijiji ad directing Chewbacca impressions to Aiello's voicemail.

"Winner will be judged and contacted by Friday, February 12th," the ad said. "Reward of 50$ will go to the winner. Good luck!"

Aiello got six unsolicited impressions.

One of them, apparently, was from an unidentified CFL linebacker, who discovered the prank through Byron's mutual trainer.

"He thought it was so funny and so he called me," Aiello said.

Byron couldn't be reached for comment, but Aiello says he's positive the prank is the work of his hockey-playing friend.

"He's upset that I beat him in fantasy football playoff game," Aiello said.

And Byron's prankster reputation precedes him.

According to Aiello, Byron filled another friend's voicemail a few years ago advertising free puppies.

This time, Byron used Chewie because he and Aiello both love Star Wars, Aiello said.

That doesn't mean Aiello wanted Chewbacca fans yelling nonsense into his phone, however.

Aiello hasn't decided how he's going to repay his famous friend, but retribution is coming, he promised. "Maybe some twerking dancing lessons," Aiello said.

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HEALTH

Zika vaccine testing goal 12 months away

Brazil has signed an agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch to develop a vaccine against the Zika virus, adding the goal is for the vaccine to be ready for clinical testing within 12 months.

Health Minister Marcelo Castro said at a news conference that the government will invest $1.9 million in the research, which will be jointly conducted by the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and the Evandro Chagas Institute in the Amazonian city of Belem.

He said the Health Ministry also has reached vaccine partnerships with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is looking to work with pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline because of its role developing a vaccine against Ebola after a deadly outbreak in West Africa in 2014.

Brazil's Zika outbreak has become a public health crisis since researchers here linked the mosquito-borne virus to a surge in a rare birth defects compromising infants' brains. The connection has yet to be scientifically proven, but the CDC has pointed to strong evidence of a link and called on pregnant women to avoid travel to 22 countries and territories in the Americas with active outbreaks.

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A worker fumigates a home in Mexico against the Aedes aegypti mosquito to prevent spread of Zika. PEDRO PARDO/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Natural gas leak plugged
A blowout at a natural gas well that gushed uncontrollably for 16 weeks and drove thousands of residents from their Los Angeles homes was plugged Thursday, a utility said. The well still needs to be permanently sealed with cement and inspected by state regulators. It is the first time the leak has been under control since it was reported Oct. 23.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy acted early on Regeni
Italian officials contacted Egyptian authorities hours after student Giulio Regeni was found tortured to death disappeared in central Cairo last month, according to an official summary of early Italian efforts to locate him. The summary says Ambassador Maurizio Massari contacted Italian intelligence, who reached out to their Egyptian counterparts on Jan. 25. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bernie Sanders WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Hillary Clinton DON EMMERT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Clinton vs. Sanders: Now it gets exciting

NEVADA

Democratic leadership faceoff going head to head

Now that Iowa and New Hampshire are in the rear-view mirror, the Democratic presidential contest shifts to markedly different terrain in Nevada, where a largely urban and diverse electorate will test the breadth of Bernie Sanders' appeal and the durability of Hillary Clinton's coalition.

In contrast to the overwhelmingly Anglo electorate in the first two voting states, Nevada is 28 per cent Latino, 9 per cent African-American and 8 per cent Asian-American. "We are much more representative of the national population and that makes us more of a harbinger of the final result than anything you've seen so far," said Rep. Dina Titus, a Las Vegas Democrat who backs Clinton.

Sanders and Clinton are also engaged in diverse and populous South Carolina, whose Democratic faceoff follows Nevada by a week. Together, these states give Hispanic and black voters a potentially strong say in a national contest where Clinton is thought to be favoured by minorities but Sanders is working hard to catch up.

Clinton's campaign manager, Robby Mook, cut his teeth organizing her effort in Nevada's 2008 nominating contest, which she won. She installed seasoned operatives in Nevada last spring and made an early campaign stop in Las Vegas to announce her intent to expand President Barack Obama's program granting some immigrant deportation relief.

"Hillary is still the favourite," said Billy Vassiliadis, a consultant who is neutral in the race. "But not as big a favourite." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ODE TO BERNIE

At an Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus meeting this week, supporter Phillip Kim, 33, made his case for Bernie Sanders on the stage, with a ukulele and a song:

"There's this guy named Bernie, he lives in Vermont
"He's running for president, we like him a lot
"He stands for the people, he stands for the Earth
"Paid sick leave and vakay, he'll put people first."

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SHE SAVED OVER $18,000
FIND OUT HOW...

Scientists find evidence of gravitational waves

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Discovery offers evidence of elusive Einstein theory

Scientists announced Thursday they had discovered direct evidence of gravitational waves, one of Einstein's most important — and elusive — predictions.

They captured the incredibly faint signal by recording the sound of two black holes colliding, an event that occurred 1.3 billion years ago.

"We did it," said David Reitze, executive director of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO).

"That's the story today. But what's really exciting is what comes next."

Gravitational waves are one of the critical predictions of Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity — they are ripples caused by mass moving through the fabric of space-time. With energetic enough movements, those ripples might be big enough for us to measure.

"It's one of the most exciting predictions of the theory," said Luis Lehner of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

Yet when scientists celebrated general relativity's 100-year anniversary late last year, no one had yet reported a direct detection of the waves.

Two American physicists won the Nobel Prize after discovering the first indirect evidence in 1974: a binary pulsar, or pair of neutron stars, whose orbits were losing energy in a way Einstein's theory predicted. But scientists still hungered for direct evidence.

That hunger resulted in the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. After years of discussions, the LIGO collaboration was founded in 1997 and now boasts more than 1,000 scientists in 15 different countries, including several at the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics.

The discovery of gravitational waves is far more significant than simply confirming Einstein's predictions.

"It's momentous ... it marks the beginning of our ability to peek at the universe through a completely new window," said Lehner. "It's as if the floodgates are about to be opened."

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'AMAZING'

The ability to measure gravitational waves provides an extra way to observe the cosmos, or as the LIGO collaboration describes it, "preparing to see the universe with a new set of eyes."

"We can do so much amazing physics we've been yearning to do for such a long time," said Luis Lehner, of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUICIDE BOMBING

Teen abandons attack on refugees

Strapped with a booby-trapped vest and sent by the extremist Boko Haram group to kill as many people as possible, the teenage girl tore off the explosives and fled as soon as she was out of sight of her handlers.

Her two companions, however, completed their grisly mission and walked into a crowd of hundreds at Dikwa refugee camp in Nigeria and blew themselves up, killing 58 people.

Later found by local self-defence forces, the girl's tearful account is one of the first indications that at least some of the child bombers used by Boko Haram are aware that they are about to die and kill others.

"She said she was scared because she knew she would kill people," said Modu Awami, a self-defence fighter who helped question the girl.

Her story was corroborated when she led soldiers to the unexploded vest. The girl is in custody and has given officials information about other planned bombings, said Satomi Ahmed, chairman of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency.

Boko Haram's six-year-old insurgency has killed 20,000 people, made 2.5 million homeless and spread across Nigeria.

Awami said he had no information about how the girl came to be with Boko Haram. The extremists have kidnapped thousands, and there are fears they are turning some captives into weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"She said she was scared because she knew she would kill people.
Modu Awami

MIGRANTS NATO DEPLOYS WARSHIPS TO END SMUGGLING OPERATION Migrants and refugees queue for a meal distributed by volunteers at the passengers terminal in the port of Piraeus upon their arrival from the island of Lesbos on Wednesday. In response to Europe's gravest refugee crisis since the Second World War, NATO ordered three warships to sail immediately Thursday to the Aegean Sea to help end the deadly smuggling of asylum-seekers across the waters from Turkey to Greece. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

INDIA

New Delhi extends car ban to curb smog

The New Delhi government will restrict cars on the streets for another two weeks to fight the extreme air pollution that has made the Indian capital the world's most polluted city.

Private cars will be allowed on the streets on alternate days from April 15-30 based on even or odd license plate numbers, Arvind Kejriwal, the city's top elected official, said Thursday.

The first phase in January was welcomed by people but couldn't be done permanently because the city's public bus system was inadequate, Kejriwal told reporters.

The advocacy and research group Center for Science and Environment lauded the formula and said air pollution after the first trial returned "with a vengeance." It saw a more than 50 per cent jump in pollution levels on the first working day since the Jan. 1-15 trial.

The World Health Organization said last year that the Indian capital had the worst air quality in the world in 2014, surpassing Beijing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAN KURDI

Accused human traffickers go on trial

Two alleged people-smugglers are on trial in Turkey accused of causing the death of three-year-old Syrian migrant boy Alan Kurdi and four other people.

The image of the boy - his lifeless body lying face down on a beach in Bodrum — galvanized world attention on the refugee crisis, graphically illustrating the magnitude of the suffering and the treacherous journeys the migrants risk.

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The accused face up to 35 years if convicted on charges of negligence causing death and human smuggling.

The trial against Syrian nationals Muwafaka Alabash and Asem Alfrhad opened in the Aegean resort of Bodrum on Thursday. The two face up to 35 years in prison each if convicted of the charges of human smuggling and causing the deaths of five people "through deliberate negligence."

Alan's brother and mother also drowned in the ill-fated journey from Bodrum to the Greek island of Kos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alan, left, and his brother Galib Kurdi. HO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Beer drinkers feel pinch

BREWERS

Weak economy hurting sales in oil regions: Molson Coors

Molson Coors Brewing Co. says a sluggish economy and higher food prices are affecting beer drinking in Canada's oil-rich provinces.

The Denver and Montreal-based company said the beer industry has seen customers, particularly in Alberta, shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands.

Sales volumes have also been slipping in Alberta, as well as in the oil-producing provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan.

Molson said its sales volume decreased 5.4 per cent across Canada in the fourth quarter. In January, sales to retailers for at-home consumption fell by more than 10 per cent, or by almost nine per cent excluding the impact of the termination of an agreement to distribute Miller brands.

Part of that decrease can be attributed to macro-economic factors, including higher food prices, said Stewart Glendinning, chief executive of Molson Coors Canada.

"The consumer is under pressure," he said Thursday during a conference call on the company's fourth-quarter and 2015 results.

"And if you add to that the fact that consumer debt in Canada is at an all-time high, it's made for quite a difficult recipe in some of those provinces."

Sales volumes for Coors Light were also reduced in Quebec by the brewer's decision to raise prices for its flagship brand.

Molson Coors said its net income plummeted 65 per cent to $32.8 million US in the fourth quarter because of lower sales, currency fluctuations and reduced income from operations in Canada and the United States.

In Canada, pre-tax profits fell 32 per cent to $51.8 million on $341.9 million in net sales. That compared with $76.2 million on $423.1 million US in net sales for the same period a year earlier.

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Molson Coors says a slow economy and high food prices are prompting beer drinkers, particularly in Alberta, to shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

HARRISON FORD

Producers sued over broken leg

British health authorities announced Thursday they have issued criminal charges against the producers of Star Wars: The Force Awakens over an on-set accident in which Harrison Ford broke his leg.

The actor, who was 71 at the time, was struck by a hydraulic door on the set of the Millennium Falcon — his character Han Solo's spaceship — at Pinewood Studios near London in June 2014. He was airlifted to a hospital where he underwent surgery.

Harrison Ford THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Health and Safety Executive said Thursday it had charged Foodles Production (UK) Ltd. with four breaches of workplace health and safety laws. It said "by law, employers must take reasonable steps to protect workers — this is as true on a film set as a factory floor." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Environmentally conscious customers want Tim Hortons to expand contest rules.
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ROLL UP THE RIM

Contest upsets users of reusable mugs

It's a national pastime each winter, as Canadians across the country eagerly "Roll Up the Rim" to win prizes with their morning cups of Tim Hortons coffee.

But now, thousands of reusable mug owners are calling on the popular chain to let them play without being forced to take a paper cup.

"Customers should not be forced to choose between an environmentally conscious option and participating in Roll Up the Rim," a petition at Change.org reads. By Thursday morning, more than 14,000 people had signed on.

The petition was first launched last year by Ally Fraser of Beaumont, Alta. In a post this week, she said she presented the petition to Tim Hortons' corporate head office but did not get a positive response.

"They dismissed our concerns. This year, with so much support, maybe they will finally listen," she wrote.

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More than friends
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THE BIG THING

CITIES of LOVE

The photo-sharing site Instagram is practically blinding at this time of year with so many shiny rocks on display. Among the 80 million images uploaded daily, the "#Shesaidyes!" ring picture is a contemporary classic. But, according to social media at least, it turns out there are significant geographical differences in regards to where people go to find love — and seal the deal. The U.K. engagement-ring company Ingle & Rhode analyzed 250,000 Instagram photos tagged with #isaidyes, #proposal, #proposed or #heproposed and cross-referenced them with geographic coordinates to rank where the perfect places are for popping the question. Two Canadian cities made the top 25: Vancouver and Toronto. (Famously romantic Paris was 15th, although there was no hashtag search *en Français)*. Is there a great place for a romantic rendezvous in your neighbourhood? Or would you and your Valentine venture to one of these love-tastic locations to put a ring on it?

1. New York City

2. Los Angeles

3. Seattle

4. Miami

5. Chicago

6. Toronto

11. Vancouver

15. Paris

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How love — and Canada — helped me rein in my drinking

Like many of my adolescent peers in Dublin, my relationship with alcohol began young. At 13, I made a pact with friends to smuggle booze from our homes to a secret seaside location, where we would all get drunk for the first time.

Most of my pals brought soft stuff; I came armed with Bacardi white. We proceeded to grimace and gurn through the forbidden libations, pulling hard off our cigarettes to mask the taste. I ended my day violently ill and with an enduring aversion to Bacardi.

This embarrassing introduction should have made me cautious. Nope — my mischievous side, my teenage stamina and my country's culture kept me imbibing through my teens and 20s.

By my late 20s, the recession was kicking in, work at the newspaper wasn't plentiful and I'd just painfully parted ways with a good woman — a recipe for an extended period of self-destruction. Four nights a week, I would quaff wine with dinner, followed by a feed of cans, go clubbing and then wobble home to bed. After three years of this, my newspaper job finally ended for good and I decided to leave Ireland in search of stable employment.

I zeroed in on Toronto: cold, yes, but with hot summers. And no Dublin-like rain. I arrived in wintertime and resumed drinking heavily. Fortunately, I met a lovely local girl, Suzi, who showed me the ropes and, eventually, became my fiancée. Initially we happily boozed and clubbed in tandem, but she soon tired of the binge drinking, went on a serious health kick and eventually became vegan. I did not follow suit. Guilt pangs from booze-ups resulted in me trying to balance my habit with jogging, but I'd often find myself taking premature wheezy walks home.

After a few months I had a job at newspaper and was socializing with workmates. I'd get hammered while my colleagues paced themselves. I admired the Canadians' humble way, but the "craic"-loving side of me yearned for the mayhem of a Dublin night out.

Soon, however, the Toronto approach took hold (it helped that Ontario liquor stores close at 9 on the weekends). Meanwhile, my fiancée's lifestyle and ultra-healthy diet were rubbing off. I was exercising successfully and feeling better. And then I returned to Ireland. Back in Dublin for nine days, I drank eight of those days, got drunk on six and puked on two.

I returned to Canada a husk of a man, resolving to halt my partying ways. I challenged myself to a dry January and made it. If I hadn't moved here or met Suzi, I'd still be drinking too much back home. So thanks, Canada, for helping me to rein in this tricky vice. I'll occasionally drink to that!

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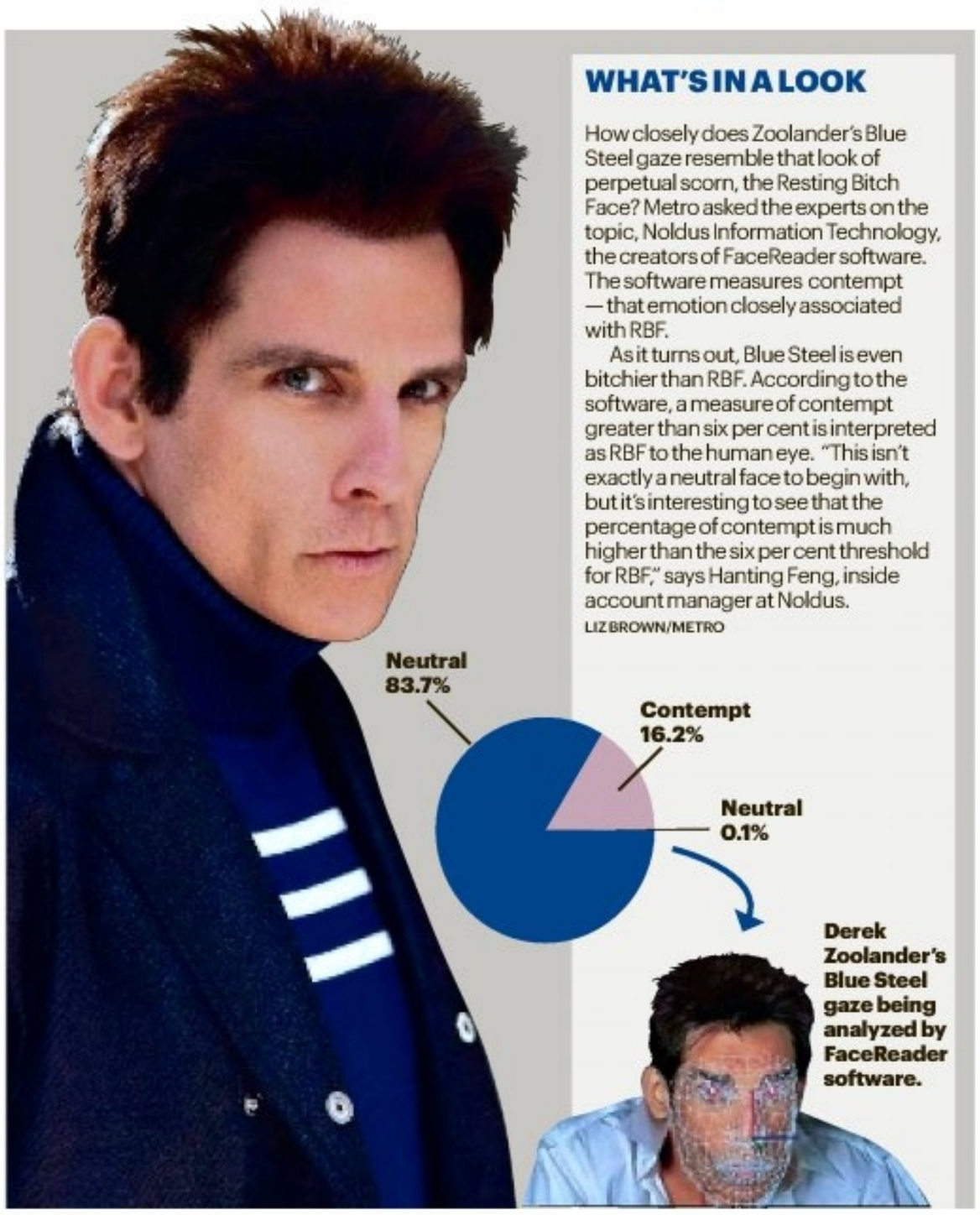
Dear God, they're beautiful



WHAT'S IN A LOOK

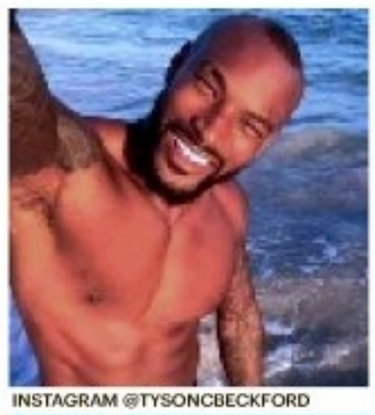
How closely does Zoolander's Blue Steel gaze resemble that look of perpetual scorn, the Resting Bitch Face? Metro asked the experts on the topic, Noldus Information Technology, the creators of FaceReader software. The software measures contempt — that emotion closely associated with RBF.

As it turns out, Blue Steel is even bitchier than RBF. According to the software, a measure of contempt greater than six per cent is interpreted as RBF to the human eye. "This isn't exactly a neutral face to begin with, but it's interesting to see that the percentage of contempt is much higher than the six per cent threshold for RBF," says Hanting Feng, inside account manager at Noldus.

LIZ BROWN/METRO

It's been 15 years since Derek Zoolander's really, really, ridiculously good-looking face graced the silver screen. But he's back this weekend, and he's middle aged, even dabbling in the anti-aging cream market with a NYC-based Kiehl's pop-up shop called the Derek Zoolander Center for People Who Don't Age Good. A Metro investigation dug up a few more middle-aged male models and discovered that, unlike the rest of us, they do age good. LIZ BROWN/METRO

TYSON BECKFORD



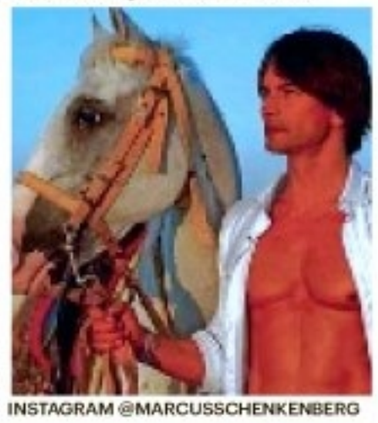
INSTAGRAM @TYSONCBECKFORD

Age: 45

Career: Beckford was discovered in New York City and recruited to be the face of Ralph Lauren Polo in 1993. He was also in the original Zoolander.

Still got it: Just last year Beckford was showing some skin as celebrity host of the Chippendales at the Rio in Las Vegas. With abs of steel and a face as soft as a baby's behind, Beckford isn't shelving his strut any time soon.

MARCUS SCHENKENBERG



INSTAGRAM @MARCUSSCHENKENBERG

Age: 47

Career: Schenkenberg gained notoriety with his nearly nude in the shower shoot for Calvin Klein in 1991. In the early 2000s he was linked to Pamela Anderson and Jessica Simpson.

Still got it: A cursory glance of his Instagram account will morph into an afternoon creep session involving abs, gratuitous gym shots and shirtless shoots with horses. It'll leave you wondering what the specifics of his Faustian bargain might be.

MARK VANDERLOO

INSTAGRAM @BUGATTI

Age: 47

Career: Vanderloo is the man upon which Derek Zoolander's character is loosely based (The Zoolander name is said to be a riff on Vanderloo). You've likely seen him looking chic for Hugo Boss, where he's been one of their main models since 2005.

Still got it: Do you like a strong jaw? Do you like sexy weathering? Do you like a man who looks like your friend's hot dad you secretly lusted after in high school? We thought so.

REACTION

Metro readers respond: Show us your best 'Blue Steel'

I think we all use this look to make our cheek bones look extra fleek. — Andrea Llewellyn

From left: Dyna Tuytel, Kat Gajewska, and Andrea Llewellyn of Calgary

When would you use this look? For the paparazzi **Who are you trying to impress?** The media

Ramtin Alikhani, Ottawa

I opted for #LeTigre. Gotta keep #Magnum under wraps until it's ready.

Nicholas Mizera, Toronto

This is my daughter Piper at two months old showing her best Blue Steel. Her uncle argues she is actually doing Le Tigre!

Kelly Macdonald, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

EK gives Blue Steel a try. #Zoolander

George, Toronto

It's a fine line between 'blue steel' and duck face, and I may have crossed that line.

Alana Beck, Halifax

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Despite the familiarity and a few heavy-handed moments, Vinyl is thrilling, contagious and good TV

The worst part about cold and flu season is when Martin Scorsese is supposed to show up in Toronto to introduce the pilot of the new HBO show Vinyl he directed but he's a no-show because he's sick.

Simon and I had even prepared serious questions to lob at "Marty," despite there being no scheduled audience Q-and-A. Him: "When was the last time you got through a whole day without someone saying: 'You talkin' to me?'" Me: "Do you know what 'Bobby' De Niro's favourite pasta was when he ate his way through Italy and gained 60 lb. for Raging Bull?"

But Bobby Cannavale, who stars as big time record label president Richie Finestra in the 10-part series premiering Sunday, was in good health — and great humour: "I love coming up here," he said on stage at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto. "Every time [I'm here] is to premiere a movie that goes on to be watched by nobody ... all those movies — I'm of course proud to be a part of — have brought me to this moment. It's like I've finally been traded to the Yankees."

"God, he's got a great head of hair," Simon whispered.

"God, he's got great charisma," I replied.

"I think what you're about to see is unlike anything you've ever seen before," producer Terence "Terry" Winter warned the audience, "certainly not on TV, maybe even in movies."

Not exactly: There are drugs, blood, breasts — even, B-roll (albeit unseen) from Taxi Driver. But don't get me wrong, the two-hour pilot was highly entertaining.

I was stomping my feet to the music, covering my eyes from the violence, and laughing out loud, which are all signature Scorsese moves, not to mention his jumping chronologically in the narrative, epic swirling hand-held shots and directing a supporting cast — think Andrew Dice Clay, Ray Romano and Max Casella — who surprise and shine in their roles.

Even Vinyl's setting — New York 1973, a pivotal point in music when the foundations of disco, punk and hip hop were laid — feels like it's been mined before. It's also the year Scorsese's Mean Streets came out, whose soundtrack, coincidentally, features music by Mick Jagger, who shares a Vinyl executive producer credit with him — and which trumpeted Scorsese as a director who uses music as though it were a supporting character. "Music and film are almost one and the same," he wrote in Gramophone. "There's the rhythm, the pace of music — and the equivalent of that in film is the camera movement, how long you hold a shot on screen before you cut, if you don't cut, the look on a person's face."

Despite the familiarity (including faces: Jagger's son James also stars in the series), and a few heavy-handed moments, like when Richie accidentally 'discovers' hip hop while driving through South Bronx in his chauffeured Mercedes on his way home to Greenwich — Vinyl is thrilling, contagious and good TV.

The music had been so loud that when we left the theatre into the cold our ears were ringing. "It feels like we just went to a concert," Simon said. And although we hadn't had dinner, we weren't hungry on account of the popcorn we devoured, which doesn't necessarily pair well with the '70s New York music scene but it's quintessential movie food. And Vinyl is quintessential Scorsese, who personifies film and therefore popcorn.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

THE SERIES: VINYL

THE MEAL: POPCORN

TV BRIEF

Binge on House of Cards Season 4 starting March 4

Netflix has released the official trailer for season four of their award-winning political drama House of Cards. Season four will see the return of Kevin Spacey as Democrat politician Frank Underwood, who will again be joined by Robin Wright as his equally ruthless wife Claire.

Scream actress Neve Campbell will also be joining the show, although her character has not yet been revealed. The fourth season will be released on Netflix March 4, will all new episodes released at the same time so fans can watch as and when they wish. Netflix have already announced that a fifth season of the show will air in 2017. AFP

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Who needs a boyfriend anyway?

Given the film's title, it's not unreasonable to expect the stars of How to Be Single to have a few thoughts on, well, how to be single. The leading foursome bring a variety of experience to the topic, from Leslie Mann, who's been married for two decades, to Dakota Johnson, who is currently living the single life in New York City. Alison Brie, meanwhile, recently got engaged to beau Dave Franco, and Rebel Wilson thinks it might be time to rethink the whole "eternally single" thing. Here's where they stand on the topic **NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO**

1 LESLIE MANN — "I've been married for 20 years. I can't even remember anymore being single," Mann admits. "I had so much shame when I was single. I would make out with a lot of people but I would never have sex because then I would feel bad. But I made out with everyone. And some dry-humping."

Mann is pleased, though, with the state of the world for single women today versus when she was in her 20s. "I'm excited for my daughters to see the movie because I love the message," she says. "This is going to sound weird but I tell my daughter Maude, who is 18 now, she's an adult, but I always tell her, 'Just show off your boobs! You have great boobs. And it doesn't get any better. I know what happens. Just enjoy them now, enjoy this time.'"

2 DAKOTA JOHNSON — "I am a single person. I love that I'm alone all the time. I love sleeping next to no one. I really don't want to be cuddled. I love to have dinner by myself," she says with a laugh. But seriously, though. "No, I actually like spending time by myself. I kind of cherish my time alone. I like solitude, so that's nice. But then being single also sucks sometimes — because you're single."

Johnson appreciates that How to Be Single shows women in a more liberated, sex-positive light. "With this film, I was attracted to the positive outlook on women, especially, exploring relationships with different people and being confident and comfortable and strong," she says. "That was the kind of thing that was appealing to me, because that's what's real, and it's honest and there's nothing to be ashamed of. That's what single women do."

3 REBEL WILSON — "I'm, like, eternally single, and I think I like it a bit too much, and I need to be more open to the possibilities of love," Wilson muses. "I'm very independent, I always have been. I went to an all-girls school and we were really taught to be independent. Although, one teacher did try to teach us how to marry a rich man and kill him. The science teacher, she would tell us, like, how to dampen the sheets and stuff, and sometimes we'd really listen to that. But we were always encouraged to go out and live our own lives. And from my own mother, as well, she's like, 'Don't have kids too young, because it will ruin your life.'"

Sound advice, though Wilson is starting to think that maybe she's had her fun already. "Now I'm at the point where things are going so well that I'm trying to, like, look for the right person. I just haven't found him in Hollywood. Surprise, surprise," she says. "I don't like smoking. And then maybe, like, lying? When they say they didn't have a fiancée, and their teammates supported that, and then I find out a few months later they did in fact have a fiancée back in their hometown? That's a bit bad. Yeah."

4 ALISON BRIE — "I think my favourite part about being single is just being able to do whatever you want, the freedom. You are your own person," Brie says. "Aside from your close friends and your family, you don't have to always be thinking about maybe whatever move you're making, how that is going to affect the person in your life. You kind of can fly by the seat of your pants. That's what I really liked about being single. It felt very fun and spontan-eous." That doesn't mean she didn't have some lousy times out before settling down. "Any of the bad dates I've had involved one or more parties drinking too much," she says. "When I was single, I don't think I would ever just end a date mid-date even if I were not having a good time. I'm sort of like, 'Well I want to be polite, I should stick it out. I'll just hang and dance with this drunk guy.' And that's a s—ty thing. I think a lot of the time women feel like we don't want to be rude, we don't want the guy to think we're a b—, so we entertain a lot of bad behaviour."

Ryan Reynolds: Skills unmasked

A MAN OF MANY PARTS

Deadpool star not just a hot dude with 'tude

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Ryan Reynolds plays the mouthy antiheroic comic book superhero Deadpool in the eighth installment of the X-Men film series. CONTRIBUTED

Look! Up on the screen! It's Blade: Trinity. It's The Proposal. It's Ryan Reynolds!

Yes, it's Ryan Reynolds, strange visitor from Vancouver who came to Hollywood with powers and abilities beyond those of mortal men. He speaks faster than a speeding bullet! He can leap tall scripts in a single bound! He's more versatile than a roomful of Sexiest Men Alive!

I've paraphrased the famous opening of Superman, even though Reynolds has never played Superman in the movies. Careerwise, however, he has been a super man, leaping from genre to genre, piecing together an IMDB page so varied it'll make your head spin.

This weekend brings us another exciting episode in the adventures of Ryan Reynolds.

In Deadpool he's a former Special Forces operative subjected to an experimental treatment that gifts him with regenerative healing power and increased agility. Unfortunately it also leaves him filled with rage; thirsty for revenge against the doctor who changed his life. The character's greatest superpower, according to Reynolds, "is annoying the s— out of people."

It's not the first time the 39-year-old actor has played someone with superpowers. It's not even the first time he's played Deadpool. That character debuted in X-Men Origins: Wolverine and he starred as Captain Excellent in Paper Man, the darkly heroic Hannibal King in Blade: Trinity as well as donning the super-tight tights of the Green Lantern.

When he isn't battling crime, however, Reynolds has been more adventurous in his roles than people give him credit. Peppered throughout his major Hollywood successes like The Proposal have been roles like The Amityville Horror's psychologically unstable father, Woman in Gold's relentless lawyer, and the crackhead Gary in the thriller The Nines.

Successful or not, those movies showcased a performer looking to stretch his acting muscles (and not just display his prodigious ab muscles). Here are some other Reynold's roles that show his super-versatility:

The Voices: Reynolds plays the wholesome-looking Jerry, an eager to please factory worker with a crush on the cute accountant upstairs. When she stands him up for a date it becomes apparent Jerry has serious problems. As bodies pile up he grapples with voices in his head that tell him to do terrible things. Kitschy, strange and decidedly off kilter, The Voices has funny moments but revolves around Reynolds's winningly odd performance.

Buried: Reynolds is a civilian truck driver in Iraq, taken hostage, buried underground, who will be left to die unless a ransom is paid. The entire movie happens inside the four walls of a coffin with only Reynolds and a cell phone on display. Unable to rely on his usual comic timing and bulging muscles, Reynolds hits a career high, keeping the audience intrigued for most of the 90-minute running time.

The Change-Up: Starring Reynolds and Jason Bateman, this film is like several movies in one. It's part gross-out comedy, part heart tugger and all switcheroo. The set-up is Freaky Friday simple; the two leads swap personalities but it works because Bateman adds a little hyper Van Wilder inflection to his speech and Reynolds drops his energy a few notches to match Bateman's more laconic style. Both are likeable actors, with charm and charisma to burn.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Zoolander 2	★
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Liam Neeson has a secret love

Liam Neeson is not saying who, and his silence has left gossips columnsist guessing. The 63-year-old actor gave the Irish Sunday Independent two tantalizing clues: she is "incredibly famous" and he has some sweet plans to "do my best for her" on Valentine's Day. He also said of his new girlfriend, "I'd embarrass her if I said her name." Luckily, we're not so shy. Here are a few of our (ridiculous) best bets.

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Liam Neeson is not going public with the identity of his new lover. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

1 KRISTEN STEWART

The 25-year-old Twilight star was suggested as a likely match based on the fact both actors were at the same New York restaurant for the New York Film Critics Circle Awards on Jan. 5.

Neeson's spokesperson has already put out the fire, telling the Independent it is "meaningless speculation."

2 SAOIRSE RONAN

The talented, 21-year-old Bronx-born and Irish-raised star of Brooklyn was also at Tao that night. And she won Best Actress.

Guess who presented the Oscar nominee with her award? Yup, Liam Neeson. We will now proceed to link Neeson's name with everybody in the joint Jan. 5.

3 MADONNA

Madge is "incredibly famous." So that's covered. But Neeson also told the Independent his new amour has uncomplicated tastes: "It's amazing how far a simple bunch of freshly picked flowers will go in a lady's life, I find."

Simple tastes for the material girl? Not a chance.

4 DIANE LANE

Neeson has been known to date his co-stars, including a lengthy relationship with Helen Mirren, whom he met on the set of Excalibur in 1981. Lane is in pre-production for Felt, the story of Deep Throat, the Watergate source used by Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. The 51-year-old star and Neeson play spouses Audrey and Mark Felt.

5 HALLE BERRY

Divorced from Olivier Martinez, the 49-year-old Oscar winner is self-assured and successful, launching her own production company and recently adding her voice to the #OscarsSoWhite diversity campaign. Her heartfelt 2002 Oscar speech remains a classic moment. Maybe she's the famous woman Neeson is pining for?

6 NIGELLA LAWSON

"They say the way to someone's heart is through their stomach," Lawson writes on her website — just above a recipe for "Love Buns." The renowned 56-year-old chef, who lustily helped push food porn onto the world stage while cooing about comfort food and simple pleasures, could just be the one to mix up some romance with Neeson.

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1 On a budget?

Go to picturesque Copper Mountain, which is less than a two-hour drive from Denver International Airport.

Where to stay

Copper Mountain Resort's family-friendly ski-in, ski-out lodges' condos start from $142 US/night and are casual (think lots of pine) but cozy (hello, fireplace).

Most lodges are equipped with a hot tub, gym and ski locker. With activities and restaurants spanning three Villages (there's a complimentary shuttle between each village) and ski rentals right at the foot of the mountain in Center Village, you get to spend more of your vacation time on the slopes and enjoying apres-ski life.

Where to ski

The mountain naturally divides into sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced, so if you're a newbie on skis or a board you can stick to the lower mountain or the green runs, which are far from the more difficult runs, so there's no need to fret about accidentally ending up on a black diamond.

Expert skiers, on the other hand, can head straight to shredding the bowls at Copper such as Resolution and Union, where they can find fresh snow on powder days. Download the Copper Mountain Sherpa app before you go so you can follow fellow skiers, track the vertical feet you ski, your speed, hear "audibles" (tips and messages) left by other skiers at certain points of the mountain, get run suggestions and more.

Where to eat

For breakfast, go to Endo's Adrenaline Bar & Grill in Center Village (the huevos rancheros makes for filling ski fuel).

Feeling peckish on the mountain? At the top of the American Eagle chairlift, grab a Belgian waffle or warm cup of soup at Flyers Soup Shack.

Come evening, swap the ski gear for smart casual attire and head to the posh C.B. Grille, located in Center Village, and dig into fresh local fare such as its striped bass and Angus beef.

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2 Want to splurge?

About a one-hour drive from Montrose Regional Airport, Telluride offers slopes that are as good as Aspen but without the hype. Stay at luxe The Peaks Resort & Spa, where you can rest in your modern spacious suite, get a top-notch massage for your ski-weary muscles at the spa, and enjoy ski-in, ski-out access to Telluride Ski Resort.

This historic mining town, which you may recognize from Quentin Tarantino's flick, Hateful Eight, sits in a box canyon (read: unbeatable mountain vistas) where you can shop along its charming main street in town (get on the free gondola to get there) before dinner at Allred's. Everything there is a sure bet, but meat lovers should not miss the tender, juicy cider-brined Berkshire Colorado pork chop.

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This year's Basketball Hall of Fame class includes three players certain to make the cut — Allen Iverson, Shaquille O'Neal and Yao Ming

Jets get clobbered by B's

NHL

Boston pushes road winning streak to five

Patrice Bergeron scored a pair of goals and Brett Connolly added a trio of assists as the Boston Bruins downed the Winnipeg Jets 6-2 on Thursday.

Loui Eriksson and Brad Marchand each had a goal and an assist. David Pastrnak and Jimmy Hayes also scored for the Bruins (29-19-6), who have won their last five road games.

THURSDAY In Winnipeg

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Bryan Little had a goal and a helper and Nikolaj Ehlers also scored for Winnipeg (24-27-3). Blake Wheeler picked up a pair of assists.

The teams combined for five goals in the first period, then went scoreless in the second.

Pastrnak gave Boston a 4-2 lead 35 seconds into the third period when he put his own rebound past goalie Michael Hutchinson.

Bergeron put in a close rebound by Connolly at 7:42 of the final period for his second of the game. Hayes put one into an empty net.

Tuukka Rask made 34 saves for Boston, which had been coming off a 9-2 home loss to Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Connor Hellebuyck started in goal for Winnipeg, but was replaced by Hutchinson after the Bruins led 3-2 at the first intermission.

Hellebuyck had stopped eight of the 11 shots he faced. Hutchinson finished with 25 saves off 27 shots.

Bergeron ended a five-game goal drought when he scored his 20th of the season at 1:38 of the first period after making slick moves around two Jets defenders in front of the net.

Winnipeg responded with Little's goal at 3:29. Wheeler took a rebound and quickly passed it across the front of the net to a surging Little, who shot the puck into a wide-open net for his 17th goal.

Eriksson regained the lead at 16:34 after Hayes forced a turnover, but Ehlers scored on the power play just under a minute later with Max Talbot in the penalty box for holding.

Marchand notched his 26th goal of the season with a backhand shot to make it 3-2 at 18:45. He extended his points streak to five games, consisting of six goals and one assist.

Winnipeg outshot the Bruins 18-11 in the first.

Boston didn't get its first shot on goal in the scoreless second period until just over the midway point of the period.

The Jets led 30-25 in shots on goal after two periods, but Boston flipped the total to 39-36 after the final whistle blew.

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Jets captain Andrew Ladd attempts to redirect a puck past Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask at MTS Centre on Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Ticats lure Chad Owens to Hammer

Moments after losing Canadian defensive lineman Brian Bulcke to Toronto, Kent Austin delivered a timely counter-punch to the arch-rival Argonauts.

The Hamilton head coach/GM agreed to terms with former Argos standout Chad Owens on a one-year deal Thursday, less than an hour after Bulcke agreed to go to Toronto following three seasons with the Tiger-Cats.

Owens' contract details weren't available, but Toronto GM Jim Barker had said it would be financially challenging to re-sign the 2012 CFL outstanding player.

3,840

The number of all-purpose yards Owens posted in 2012.

"There's nothing we can do about it," Barker said Thursday regarding the prospect of losing a veteran in free agency. "It's going to happen every year."

Toronto also lost free-agent kicker/punter Swayze Waters to the NFL's Carolina Panthers but gained Calgary Stampeders defensive back Keon Raymond.

With Bulcke gone, Hamilton re-signed Canadian free-agent defensive lineman Michael Atkinson to a two-year agreement.

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NHL

Avs beat Sens to end 4-game slide

Jarome Iginla scored twice and added an assist and Semyon Varlamov made 26 saves as the Colorado Avalanche snapped a four-game losing skid by defeating the Ottawa Senators 4-3 Thursday night.

Nathan MacKinnon and Blake Comeau, into an empty net, also scored for the Avalanche (28-25-4), who led 3-0 before Ottawa pulled within a goal in the second period.

Chris Neil scored with 26 seconds left after Comeau's empty-netter in the third but the Senators couldn't complete the comeback. Mark Stone and Mike Hoffman also scored for Ottawa (25-25-6).

Jarome Iginla THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dion Phaneuf, in his home debut for Ottawa, had two assists.

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IN BRIEF

Zika a secondary concern for Canadian captain Sinlair

Captain Christine Sinclair says the Canadian soccer team is thinking of other things than the Zika virus as it bids to qualify for the Olympics.

"I haven't heard our team talk about it once," she said Wednesday on the eve of playing Guyana at the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying tournament. "Our focus is (Thursday night) and that's pretty much where we're staying focused at."

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Raonic's training limited by torn adductor muscle

Canadian tennis player Milos Raonic has been unable to resume on-court training due to a slightly torn adductor muscle that hampered his play in a semifinal loss to Andy Murray at the Australian Open last month.

Raonic said he has been able to do strength work and off-court training since then but hasn't hit balls because of the two-centimetre tear in the adductor.

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NBA

Nash sees ASG as another launch pad

Steve Nash thinks this weekend's NBA all-star game in Toronto will go down as another important milestone for basketball in Canada.

> **The game's in a good place in our country.**
> Steve Nash

Nash, a two-time NBA MVP and the general manager of Canada's senior men's team, spoke at length on Thursday about the effect the all-star game will have on Canada and the growth of the sport in the country.

"I think it's another milestone when the game's growing to a new height and bringing in more fans and more kids interested in playing the game at a younger age and learning the game and the values that come along with the game," said Nash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Jets signed popular defenceman and leader Dustin Byfuglien to a five-year contract extension worth $38 million. TREVOR HAGAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tough to imagine Jets without Buff

VIEW FROM THE 300S

Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

Kevin Cheveldayoff and the Winnipeg Jets made a statement to their team, fans and the rest of the NHL on Monday by signing Dustin Byfuglien to a five-year, $38-million contract extension. The significance of this announcement may be bigger for the Jets than even Big Buff himself.

Dustin Byfuglien is more than just a star player for the Winnipeg Jets. He leads the team in ice time and is an impact player at both ends of the rink. He is also the most popular player among Jets fans and his teammates in the dressing room. And with the potential of multiple NHL teams throwing ridiculous money at him as an unrestricted free agent come July, Buff chose Winnipeg and the Jets organization.

The signing is a coup for Jets and particularly GM Cheveldayoff who has taken his share of criticism this year. Getting Byfuglien on a fair deal at a term of five years before testing free agency was thought to be a pipe dream by many observers of the club.

Now with some clarity on the Byfuglien situation, Chevy can move on to his other pressing matter — what to do with captain Andrew Ladd before the NHL trade deadline.

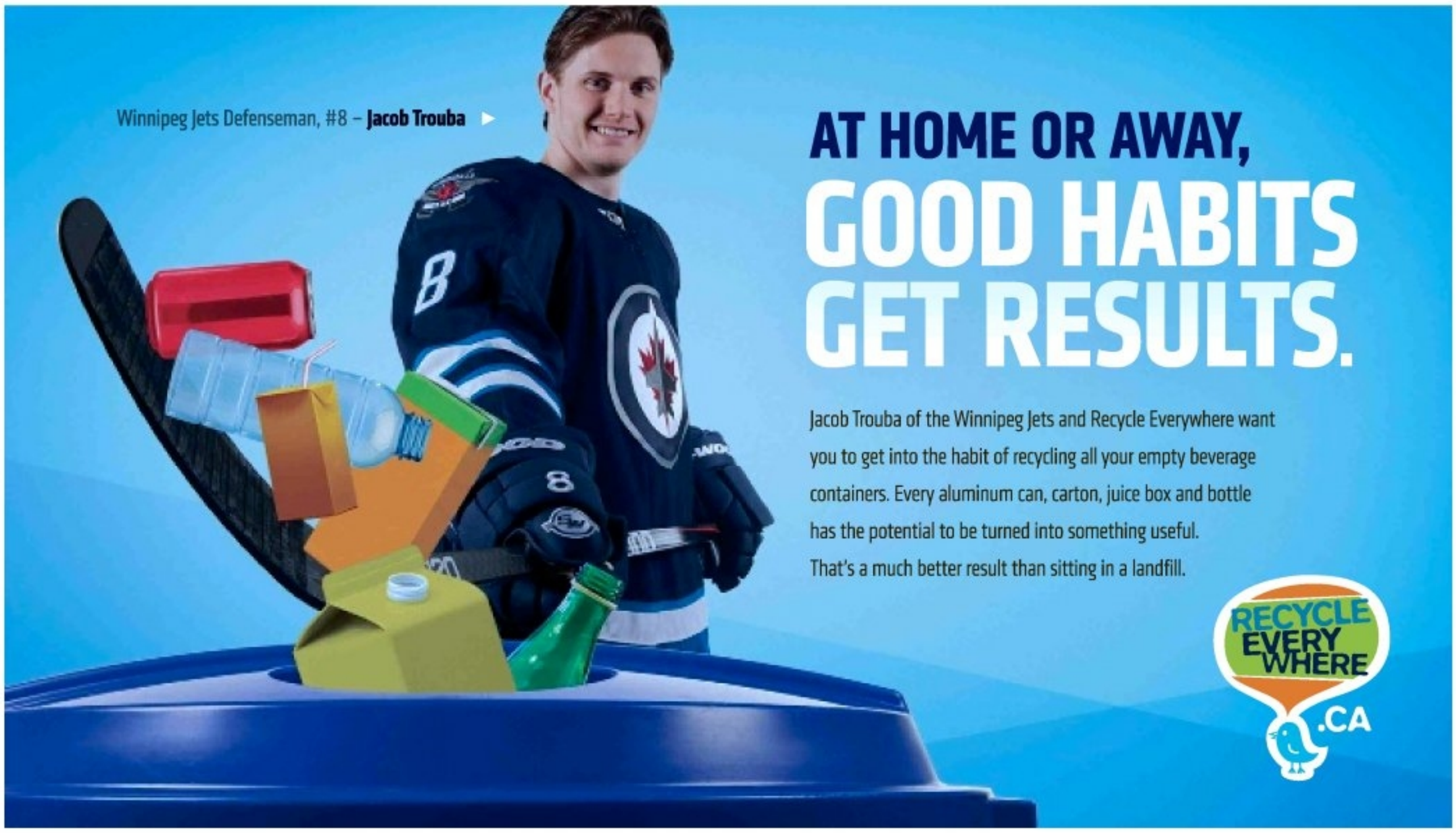
Byfuglien also made a statement with his decision to forgo unrestricted free agency and stay in the 'Peg. He likes the city and the organization and believes in the direction of the team going forward.

As a recognized star in the league and one of the most influential members of the team, his deciding to stay in Winnipeg cannot be underestimated when it comes to keeping and attracting NHL talent in the NHL's smallest and coldest market.

Big Buff has matured as a player and a person since he came to Winnipeg as a part of the move from Atlanta. He now has a young family and has grown as a professional, but is still the wise-cracking king of the dressing room and the alpha dog in a Jets jersey. Players love playing with Byfuglien and fans love watching him.

When Jets coach Paul Maurice announced to the team at the end of practice on Monday in St. Louis that Buff had re-signed with the Jets, the big guy was mobbed by his teammates on the ice in congratulations. Jets fans and the city of Winnipeg symbolically joined in the group hug through social media and radio show call-ins rejoicing that Buff was staying a Jet.

Regardless of how the team finishes this season, the Jets have a bright future with many talented young players on the team and the system. But there is no replacing a Dustin Byfuglien. Luckily for the Jets and their fans we won't have to worry about that.



RECIPE Garlic Apples Grilled Cheese

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The only thing you need to add to this crunchy, garlicky grilled cheese is a fresh green salad. Or a glass of wine. Or both. Yeah, definitely have both — it's Friday!

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1 Gala apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread
- 1/2 cup crumbled, aged cheddar

Directions
1. In a medium frying pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until garlic is translucent, about 2 minutes.
2. Toss in apples and sauté until soft, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove apples and place on a clean pate.
3. In the same pan, place a slice of bread and then cover the top with the shaved cheddar. Lay slice of apple atop cheese and then cap with the other slice of bread. Cook until the underside becomes a gold brown then flip. Remove from the pan and serve when the cheese melts thoroughly and the top is also a golden brown. Repeat with other two slices of bread.

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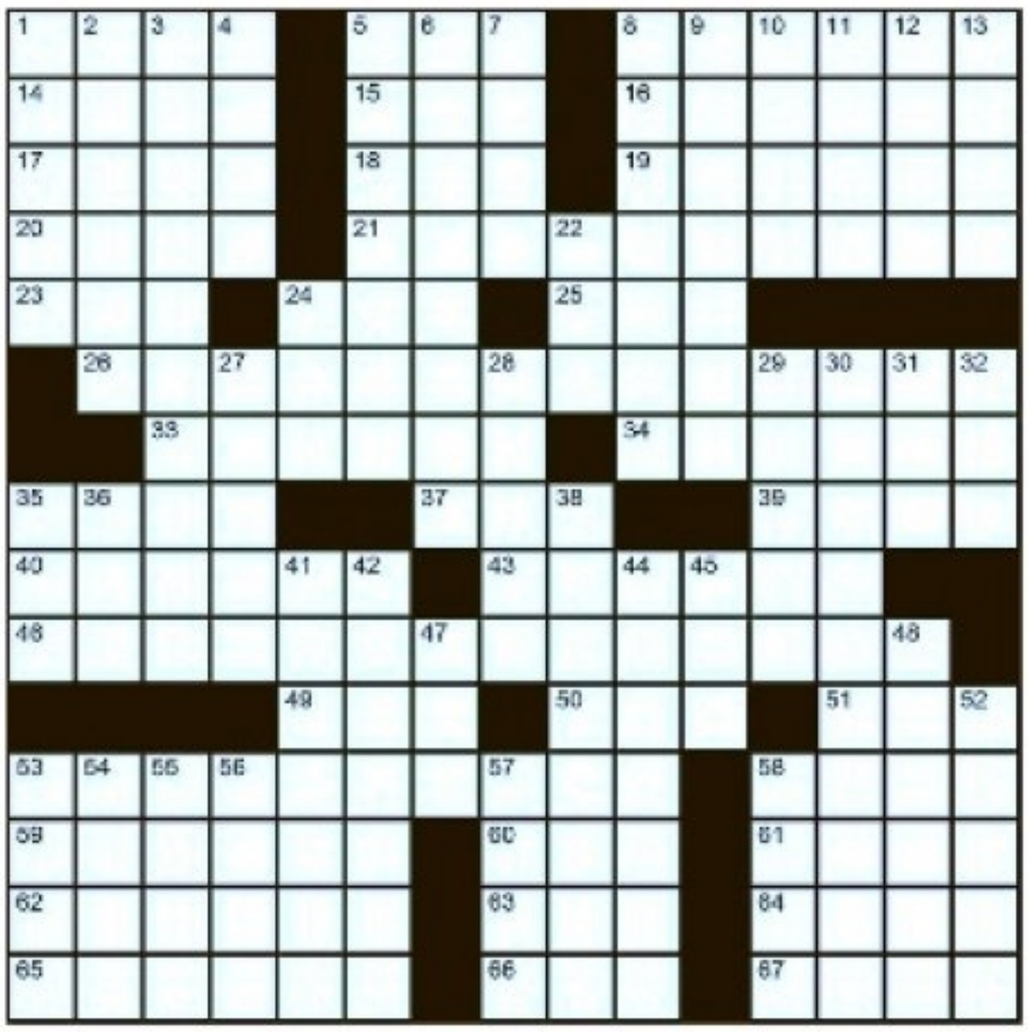

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1. Cobras
5. FMs opposites
8. "_ House on the Prairie"
14. Shetland _
15. Allow
16. Kind of: 3 wds.
17. Additionally
18. Star's secret
19. Selection
20. Cobblestone
21. Song from the musical Hair: "_ England"
23. "Let me think..."
24. Car or truck, e.g.
25. Not him
26. Caribou, for instance: 2 wds.
33. Give
34. _ of Liberty
35. Particular
37. Camera variety, commonly
39. Puny physicians
40. Runway surface
43. Cats mystery writer, _ Jackson Braun
46. Super Channel show which is a nominee in the 'Best Comedy Series' category for the upcoming 2016 Canadian Screen Awards: 3 wds.
49. Apiece
50. Ron _ (Star of '60s series "Tarzan")
51. Cry
53. The workplace setting that 'Gottfried Brothers' is on the show at #46-Across: 2 wds.
58. "Dial _ _ Murder" (1954)
59. Anxiety
60. Coffee holder
61. Sacred Hindu text
62. _ burner (Lab device)
63. Flight schedule acronym
64. Fur
65. Gauge
66. Draperies bar
67. Leave in, in proofreading

DOWN
1. Flooded
2. Seriously sincere
3. Like some late artsy town
11. Bit of a jerk
12. Pretty material
13. Glancer
22. NBA Hornets city, for short
24. Irish singer Mr. Morrison
27. Fun-style parent
28. Lockups
29. Tea Leoni drama on CBS, "_ Secretary"
30. Where to have the world as a success: 3 wds.
31. Cote Saint-_, Quebec
32. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
35. Addams Family relative
36. _ Chi (Martial Art)
38. Decrease of tempo, in music
41. Places in close proximity
42. Mark Twain's real surname
44. Frog's furniture: 2 wds.
45. Polar
47. Dadaist Jean
48. One-of-some in many soups
52. Benjamin of movies/TV
53. Marching band instrument
54. Burden
55. Hankerings
56. Instance
57. Tennis serving whiz
58. Trophy-receiving athletes, e.g.
20th-century architecture
4. Letter insertion site, sometimes
5. Town in southern Saskatchewan meaning 'Avenue of Trees'
6. Blockbusters
7. British WWII submachine gun
8. Caribou use their hooves to search for these food sources beneath the snow
9. Get left stuff via a will
10. New Mexico's

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Forget about what others expect and do only what interests you. But you don't have to do it on your own. Group activities are under excellent stars at the moment, so get together with people who share your vision.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Why burden yourself with so many commitments? Just because you can do most tasks better than other people you know does not mean you have to do them. Learn to delegate.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Expand your horizons. A long-distance trip would be an ideal way to make use of today's cosmic influences, but if that isn't possible at least broaden your mind.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you need assistance today all you have to do is ask. That applies especially to money matters. Joint financial enterprises are now under excellent stars and will be for quite some time, so get a partner and get rich!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you want to get things done today you will have to make others feel as if they are the center of your universe. Make them believe that life revolves around their existence. Then they will do whatever you ask them to.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Jupiter in your sign makes you want to work but it also makes you want to have fun. Get your work done today so that your weekend will be clear.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you are dissatisfied with your lot then raise your sights and start living up to your potential. The Sun in Aquarius will do wonders for your confidence, lack of which is the only thing holding you back.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have far too many things going on at the moment. If a friend drops hints that they need your support you may feel obliged to give it but make sure they know there are limits.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your social life will blossom and you will be so in demand that you have to turn some invitations down. You will get on best with people in whose company you feel totally relaxed.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You'll get more than one opportunity to boost your income, so don't worry if your cash flow situation does not look too good. The planets indicate there's big money in your future.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Luck is on your side. If you take advantage of it there is no end to what you can accomplish. Don't listen to those who say there are limits to what can be done. For you those limits no longer exist!

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
At this time of year, your imagination is strong, so take part in something creative. Writing, dancing and singing are all well starred, so get out there and put on a show.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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